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TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND FINANCIAL DIRECTORS

Dear Comrades,

One important aspect of the YSA's national campaign on finances was the projection at the YSA Convention of a YSA handbook on finances. This handbook will contain examples of how to set up financial books, how the National Office's billing system works, how to give financial reports, and so on.

We plan to send out the handbook as it is prepared and are enclosing the first two sections of the handbook. The first section contains the Financial Report to the 1970 YSA Convention and the second section explains how to apply for student government budgets.

Comrades should purchase loose-leaf binders to compile the various sections of the handbook as they are prepared. By the end of the spring, the handbook should be complete.

Comradely,

Andy Rose

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YSA Financial Director

During the last three days of this convention we have discussed and decided on our political perspectives for the next year and set a number of key tasks for the YSA to carry out in the months ahead. The organizational report which was just presented outlined how we propose to organizationally implement these tasks. One of the most important aspects of this implementation of our political ideas will be raising the money necessary in order to carry out the tasks we set.

It is a basic axiom of the revolutionary movement that whenever we vote and decide to carry out certain political tasks, whether it is in a local, a region, or nationally, implicit in approving those projections is the commitment to come up with the money needed. What we want to do in this report is make that implicit commitment explicit, by discussing what a revolutionary attitude toward finances means, what our financial performance has been in the recent period, and what financial campaigns we need to project to carry out our work this spring.

REVOLUTIONARY ATTITUDE TOWARD FINANCES

The way that we function financially—like every other facet of our organizational methods—flows from our political perspective. It is because we are serious about making a revolution that we are a democratic centralist combat organization. It is precisely because we are an action organization—not a socialist discussion club or a collection of armchair revolutionaries—and because we are serious about putting our ideas into practice, serious about building and helping to lead mass movements, serious about getting out our ideas to masses of radicalizing young people, that we take finances so seriously.

We see finances as one part of our work—like selling our press, or building the antiwar movement, or holding educationals—which is necessary to successfully build the revolutionary movement. Finances are like these other areas of work in that they must be approached and understood politically, and organized in a professional, Bolshevik manner. But the organization of our finances also differs from these other areas in that it lays the basis for all the other activities we engage in—it is the necessary prerequisite for all our areas of work. It's a very simple fact that we have to have money in order to print the newspapers to sell, or the leaflets to distribute, or to maintain the full time staff we need, or to put regional travelers on the road, or for just about anything else. So this one facet of our organizational functioning underlies all the others, underlies our ability to carry out all our political work.

If finances are organized correctly, then we can move ahead just about as rapidly as the objective political situation allows, which is pretty fast. If this is not done, then our movement can be paralyzed by a simple lack of money.

There's another thing about finances which makes it different from other areas of work:

there is probably no other part of our organizational functioning which so directly and deeply involves each and every member of the YSA. No matter what other assignments a comrade may have or not have, the assignment to help finance the YSA's activity is one that is always there, for everyone. This is one of the basic responsibilities of membership.

The YSA is unique among all the radical youth groups that have existed in this country in that we are completely independent and self-financing. We are not subsidized or supported by anyone except our own membership. We don't rely on any other organization to finance us, and we also don't rely on a few wealthy friends to finance the day to day work of our movement. We do have a few members and sympathizers who are in a position to make large contributions, and these are used to help make some of our big expansion projects possible. However, for the regular functioning of the YSA, we never have and never will rely on a few "angels" or on any outside source, because if we did we would always be running the risk of being cut off at a critical point. What we depend on to finance the YSA are the voluntary, regular, sizable contributions from the membership.

We have no qualms whatsoever about asking every member of the YSA to give as much money as she or he possibly can (and then a little bit more), because of our political understanding of why we need the money and where it must come from. We are no more embarrassed or hesitant about asking our members to spend their money on the revolutionary movement than we are about asking them to spend their time and energy on it. Contributing financially to the YSA is a part of YSA-building that is the responsibility of every member, just as much as coming to meetings or selling *The Militant*.

The decision to give money to the YSA—and how much to give—is in reality a political decision, not a personal one. This is a concept which radicalizing young people do not understand automatically. It goes against all the training we receive that teaches us that money is something of even greater value than life itself, that we must hoard it and watch out very suspiciously for anyone trying to take it away.

But this shouldn't surprise us. People do not automatically understand our position in the antiwar movement, or women's liberation, or anything else. It requires education and training and assimilation into the revolutionary movement for someone to fully understand our perspectives for the antiwar movement, for women's liberation, or for finances. Again, the crucial point is that contributing money to the YSA is not a personal question but a political one.

When we vote to support and build an antiwar action, an individual member of the YSA doesn't decide, "Well, I'm tired of these mass demonstrations, I don't think I'll work on this one." In just the same way, the decision of a YSAer not to contribute financially, or to con-

tribute very little, would not just be a personal decision that she or he would rather spend the money some other way, but would be a *political vote cast against* the YSA carrying out its activities.

The *required* financial commitment from YSA members is very low—only the \$1.50 per month national dues and the convention assessment are obligatory. That contributions above this required minimum are voluntary corresponds to the nature of the YSA as a voluntary organization. People join the YSA because they agree with our political perspectives and want to work to carry them out, and members of the YSA make financial contributions for exactly the same reason. It is the comrades' political understanding of the need to finance the YSA that we depend on.

EVALUATION OF FALL FUND DRIVE

At the Plenum of the National Committee held in August we projected a national drive for \$36,000 to be raised by December 15 in order to carry out our fall offensive to build the YSA.

During the fall, we were successful in carrying out a very great expansion of our finances. We raised more money than ever before in a fund drive that had the participation of more locals and at-largers than ever before. Locals met and exceeded quotas which were in themselves larger than some entire fund drives the YSA conducted in its early years.

This increased financial capacity enabled us to go through with many of the projects outlined when the fall fund drive was proposed. We were able to carry out very significant expansion in the center, expanding our staff to include a National Third World Work Director and a National Women's Liberation Work Director, bringing in a comrade for several weeks to work on media relations for the convention, and having two rather than one field secretary on the road in the YSA bus. We sent two comrades on organizational tours which covered more territory than ever before. We were able to send a comrade from the N. O. to each of the initial regional committee meetings.

And alongside the over-all expansion in such areas as *The YS Organizer*, the *International Socialist Review*, the number and size of mailings from the National Office, and so on, I think one very impressive side of our financial expansion was our ability to meet the unexpected needs that arose, to do the emergency tasks which were politically important to do and not have to say, "Well, we can't because we just don't have the money."

For example, when the War Measures Act was imposed in Canada and the government attempted to smash the independentist movement, we saw the important of publicizing and building support in the United States for the struggle of the Quebecois, and in addition to initiating demonstrations and rallies we conducted a speaking tour for Philip Courneyeur, a Quebecois comrade. After the brutal attack on the August 29 Chicano Moratorium, we were able

to send a comrade from the N. O. to Los Angeles to help out for several weeks in coordinating our work there.

When the Nixon administration, in response to the May upsurge, launched its new offensive against the student movement, in particular singling out the YSA as a dangerous subversive organization, we were able to get out the Open Letter to Students and the Truth Kit on the attack as part of our defense campaign. We were not prevented from doing these things because of lack of money.

There were also some serious weaknesses in the fall fund drive which we should evaluate. One was that a significant number of locals lowered their quotas over the course of the fall until we finally ended up with a total national quota of \$32,330.01. Even if we had made 100 per cent of the quota—and we did come very close—this still would have left us almost \$4000 short of what we initially projected at the plenum. This \$4000 gap did hamper us and prevented us from carrying through on some of the projections of the plenum. We did not buy a second YSA field bus to put a second team of field secretaries on the road. We did not publish any new Young Socialist pamphlets this fall—both because of insufficient staff in the N. O. to take care of the writing, editing, and other technical work involved, and because of the high production costs. Except for the convention poster, we did not bring out any new YSA buttons or posters.

The other shortcoming of the drive, which is really the underlying problem, is shown in our inability this fall to overcome a certain pattern that had been set in the previous several fund drives, a pattern of locals not organizing the fund drive well in advance or carrying it out as a real campaign during the first part of the drive, and then having to frantically try to come up with the money on an emergency basis right in the last few weeks of the drive. The pattern is quite evident from the graph showing the weekly income during the drive. The bad effects of this pattern become even worse as the fund drives get larger, because while it may have been possible in the past to raise a few hundred dollars when the last-minute pinch came, it is almost impossible to do when for many locals the amount to be raised is many hundreds or thousands of dollars.

That this pattern, which we had fallen into over the last couple of years, was not overcome very clearly shows that our difficulties with the fall fund drive were *basically organizational*. The problem was not that the money wasn't there, the problem was that we were not organized soon enough or well enough to gather it in. This fact is further underlined by the ease with which a number of locals which did organize for the fund drive well in advance and which did work consistently on fund-raising throughout the fall met their quotas.

Some of these organizational problems rested in the National Office. We did not assign a comrade to head up this work in the center

until the fund drive had already begun. It wasn't until one-third of the way through the drive, when we saw that we were slipping behind, that we asked locals to send in detailed projections of their plans for making the drive. We should have asked to see those plans before the drive even started. And it wasn't until nearly midway in the drive that we saw the necessity for sending out regular weekly scoreboards, rather than relying on the scoreboards in *The YS Organizer*, which only came out every two weeks and were necessarily very out of date by the time they reached the comrades around the country. I'm mentioning these things mainly to bring out the point that we have learned some important lessons from the fall fund drive, which we can apply in the future to avoid many of these difficulties.

SPRING FINANCIAL NEEDS

In the spring, our needs are going to increase. The organizational report has gone over our expansion projections in detail, so I just want to mention a few high spots from the standpoint of finances. When we move into our new and much larger national headquarters, our rent will increase substantially. We are projecting a steady increase in travel expenses beginning with the trips to all the regional centers, then the SMC convention, the period of intensively building for April 24, and so on. Our projections for stepping up our publications—more buttons and posters, pamphlets, expanding *The YS Organizer*—will require increased staff in the N. O. as well as actual capitalization. As Rich mentioned, even just keeping up with the routine N. O. functions points to increasing the national staff.

When James P. Cannon and the other founders of the American Trotskyist movement were expelled from the Communist Party and began independent functioning, they drew up their first budget and went looking for funds. Cannon wrote in *Letters from Prison*:

"I remember confidently outlining my plans to do the thing right: publish a bi-weekly paper, open a headquarters, publish the *Criticism* in pamphlet form, finance a national tour, etc. 'How much will all that cost?' he asked. 'Have you figured it out?' I had. I said I could guarantee to get the new movement started in good shape and see it through for six months ahead if I could get my hands on \$1000."

Our needs for the next six months will be somewhat greater. To meet the needs of the YSA as presented in the Organizational Report, we want to propose a fund drive for spring 1971 to begin on February 1 and run through May 15. The total amount we propose to raise in this drive is \$43,000.

The figure of \$43,000 is based on the most precise budget we are able to project for the first six months of 1971; that is, in order to carry out the work of the YSA this spring we must raise \$43,000 above the money we can expect to take in through dues, initiation fees, sales of buttons, pamphlets, etc. Raising this

money will be one of the most important campaigns YSAers will be carrying out this spring.

At the same time, the work and financial needs of the locals all across the country are increasing. Regional organizations which have their own financial needs have been developed this year and will continue and grow. To meet the national needs of the YSA—concretely the goal of \$43,000—in the context of the expanded financial needs at all levels of the organization, will require an over-all campaign on YSA finances. This campaign will have three important aspects.

CAMPUS FUND-RAISING

The first aspect of the campaign involves our fund-raising from the campuses. We have to completely get away from the idea that a campus-based local, or any local with a large number of college and high school students, *must be* financially unstable. That simply is not the case. Some of the greatest opportunities that we have today for raising large sums of money for the revolutionary movement are on the campuses.

The YSA is not a junior version of the revolutionary party. We do not expect that the YSA's finances are going to have the same kind of extremely solid base that the party's finances have in most comrades' working full time at the best possible jobs and making very sizable regular contributions to the organization. We hope and expect that the YSA will be primarily composed of college and high school students, most of whom will not have jobs or will have only part-time jobs. We also expect that all comrades, including high school and college students, will contribute as much financially to the YSA as they are able. But we have the potential to get much more money from the campus than just what the individual campus comrades are able to contribute. We must be audacious and seek out every possible way to utilize the campus base we are building to strengthen our finances.

One way in which we can do this is through applying to student governments for budgets. There have been dramatic successes here already, and we should push ahead for much more. The YSA campus chapters are student groups carrying out a wide range of activities on the campus of interest to practically every student. It is perfectly reasonable and legitimate for the YSA, like other campus organizations, to receive funding from the student government. The more that a YSA local is able to finance its regular local campus work through such grants, the greater proportion of its sustainer income can be sent in for the national fund drive.

Out of all the locals which turned in financial report forms, only seven indicated that they had requested budgets from student governments on campuses where the YSA is a recognized student organization. But of those seven, four received grants ranging from boxes of mimeograph paper and envelopes to \$500. Of the locals that received cash budgets, the average amount re-

ceived was \$275. These figures are somewhat weighted on the conservative side, because I know of at least one other local which didn't send in a financial report but which did receive \$500 from its student government. Among the locals which did not apply for these grants are most of the large-city locals where the YSA is recognized on three, four or five campuses. I think it's clear that there is a huge potential here for fund raising that goes hand in hand with our work of integrating ourselves into the political life of the campuses.

HONORARIA

Another important area of fund raising on the campus is obtaining honoraria for speakers from our movement. The successes we have already achieved in this field are striking. Worcester, for example, got honoraria of \$200 for Joe Miles and \$500 for Evelyn Reed. DeKalb arranged a symposium for Herman Fagg, Joe Miles, and Arnold Terry, and got \$200 for each of them. El Paso got \$100 for Mariana Hernandez. Houston got \$200 for Peter Buch. The Paterson local got \$150 for Eva Chertov and \$300 for Clifton DeBerry. This work is particularly important because it combines big fund-raising possibilities with the important political gains we make by having these speakers on campus getting our ideas out and recruiting new members to the YSA.

We can only expect continued expansion of this area of fund-raising. Spokesmen and spokeswomen for our movement are dealing with the questions and issues students are most interested in and presenting the ideas students are most receptive to, and it is only reasonable that they should receive the speakers' fees and honoraria that universities expect to pay and are willing to pay. We must search out all the different groups and organizations on campus that are in a position to dispense honoraria. These range from the official university speakers' bureau to the student government to various departments—sociology, history, political science, etc.—to other student organizations such as current affairs or debating groups. These various groups on campus can grant honoraria from \$25 or \$50 up into the thousands of dollars.

In the past we have said that when a local obtained honoraria for national YSA speakers that the money above the local's tour quota should simply be sent to the national organization. In the future we propose that all such honoraria above tour quotas—which are simply computed to cover travel costs—be applied to the national fund drive.

I'd like to emphasize that you don't have to have George Novack or Evelyn Reed come to your campus in order to get a substantial honorarium. In every region there are many YSA comrades with impressive credentials as leaders of mass struggles, authors of various pamphlets, and experts on today's vital political issues. Locals should look toward utilizing these comrades for speaking engagements in the region.

Another less important side of using the campus base for fund-raising is the way in which it facilitates projects such as film showings and sales of one kind or another. The success achieved here has been very uneven. Some locals have raised large sums of money through these projects while others have found them unproductive. Throughout the spring financial campaign, beginning in the workshop tomorrow, we must draw together these experiences nationally and get out, through articles in *The YS Organizer* and through mailings, the lessons that have been learned—why New York was able to raise \$1000 from film showings, or how Los Angeles raised \$325 through socials.

In the first part of the report we stressed the centrality of the regular contributions from the members as the basic foundation of our finances. That continues to hold true today, but at the same time we must be aware of the great possibilities that we have for other fund-raising, particularly on the campus, and prepare ourselves to take maximum advantage of them.

LOCAL FINANCIAL ORGANIZATION

The second aspect of the campaign is for improved local organization of finances. Our objective must be to have the finances of every local organized in a way that corresponds to the nature of the YSA as a serious, action-oriented, rapidly growing movement. This will mean *regularizing* and *professionalizing* YSA finances. This general campaign for better local organization of the financial books, budgets, reports, and so on, will be crucial to making the spring fund drive and to the rest of our projections, locally and nationally.

In the workshop we will be going over such questions as budgets and allocation of funds on the basis of political priorities, regular weekly sustainers, regular and in many cases *weekly* financial reports to executive committees and locals, the nature of these reports, how new members can be trained in our financial norms, the responsibilities of leadership, and the importance of regular correspondence and consultation with the N. O.

We hope to draw together the main points of these discussions in the workshop along with some useful visual aid-type material into a handbook on YSA finances to be brought out, probably in mimeographed form, shortly after the convention. By getting into the hands of the local financial directors all over the country very precise examples of how to set up local books, how to give reports, how our billing system works, and so on, we should be able to get this side of the campaign off to a good start.

BUDGETED PAYMENTS TO N. O.

The third aspect of the campaign is to have the maximum possible number of locals begin paying regular budgeted contributions to the N. O., whether it is on a monthly, bi-weekly,

or weekly basis. These contributions would be budgeted out of the local's regular income, but they would be credited to the fund drive. We are not suggesting going over to a complete sustainer system such as that adopted by the Socialist Workers Party, in which fund drives are completely abolished. The character of the YSA and our rapid growth make that impossible. However, we do think there should be more emphasis on locals sending in regular contributions within the context of fund drives.

We think this is necessary because, for one thing, it is becoming impossible to meet our national needs by the extremely fluctuating income which the fund drives provide. In effect, in recent years, the income on which the national YSA had to operate for an entire year was sent in during the three or four weeks around the end of each fund drive.

It is also true that locals which have already set up their finances so as to send in these regular payments report that it is a big help in organizing their finances. It makes the local's commitment to the national organization a regular, visible part of its normal budget. It enables the local to spread out payments on its fund drive quota over six months rather than three. Some locals which have already begun paying in these regular contributions to the N. O. have completely stopped asking for special fund drive pledges from the members and have used that as a lever for raising the regular weekly sustainer base of the local. After all, when comrades can put all or most of their financial contribution into one weekly pledge to the local, instead of also being asked for a special fund drive pledge at certain times during the year, then naturally, the weekly sustainer can be raised. And, to make the point once again, we think it is vital to the National Office to have the more regular income which such regular budgeted contributions from the locals would provide.

In this part of the campaign, we want to project the figure of \$5 per member per month as a realistic figure for any local to begin sending in. This would mean, for a local of five members, sending in \$25 per month; for a local of twenty members, \$100 per month, and so on. We think this is realistic for most locals to go ahead and work into their budgets right away and begin sending in to the N. O. in January. Many locals will be able to send in more than \$5 per member per month regularly — perhaps \$6 or \$7 or even more. But \$5 is in our opinion a realistic minimum.

We are *not* proposing this as any sort of requirement, but rather as our estimation of what just about any local should be able to do at this time. For most locals, sending in this amount will not completely pay up the fund drive quota. It will still be necessary to plan some special projects around the fund drive. But starting right away, in January, to send in a regular budgeted payment to the N. O. will both take a big chunk out of the local's quota and help us overcome this problem of the fluctuating income of the N. O.

These, then, are the three aspects of the spring campaign on YSA finances, a campaign which is necessary because of our increased growth and activity so that we can meet the \$43,000 national goal and the needs of the local and regional organizations: 1) utilize the base we are building on the campuses to increase our financial resources; 2) regularize and professionalize local financial organization; 3) have the greatest number of locals send in regular budgeted payments to the N. O. throughout the entire year.

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In the National Office we will be taking several steps to help the implementation of the campaign. I've already mentioned the mimeographed handbook on YSA finances that we want to bring out. Of course, there will be regular mailings and articles in *The YS Organizer* about our progress — reporting not just on the fund drive, but on all aspects of the campaign.

In addition, we want to project a tour of the national financial director to all the regional centers within the first two months of the year. Local organizers and financial directors from the region would be requested to come in to the center for this tour. In each regional center, the tour would have three main objectives: 1) reporting on the campaign, going over in detail the projections of the convention and reporting on our progress so far; 2) going over all the locals' books and budgets in detail and making suggestions on any special problems that have come up; 3) discussing with the comrades from the various locals their plans for the campaign, their fund drive quotas, their plans for sending in regular budgeted payments to the N. O., for fund-raising on campus, and so on. In other words, collaborating with the locals to help them begin rapidly implementing all the aspects of the campaign.

At the very least, this tour should largely eliminate the problem we saw in the last fund drive of locals not gearing into the fund drive until very late. It should be able to do much more than just that — by ensuring that all the locals are carrying out the reorganization we project at the convention, and giving a major boost to the campaign all across the country.

Finally, I would like to emphasize once again that this will be a vitally important campaign for the YSA, equal in importance to any other campaign we are engaged in, because our ability to carry out all our other local and national work is dependent on our success in this campaign.

We don't expect an abrupt, miraculous transformation. It's going to be a prolonged struggle. The progress will be uneven, as it is in any campaign. But if we can begin to implement the measures outlined in this report, we will have taken a significant step forward in ensuring that the YSA will have the financial ability to meet the challenges of the current radicalization.

HOW TO APPLY FOR A STUDENT GOVERNMENT BUDGET

by Cathy Perkus, NYU YSA

In addition to the obvious money, budget allocations from student governments to campus YSAs help us in other ways. When we use some of the money for a speaker on campus, then on the leaflets we can advertise "YSA and student government present...", which adds a certain prestige to the event. When the YSA receives money from the student government, we are really recognized as an important and integral part of campus life and we can use this in our contact with professors should we need to appeal to them for their support or endorsement for any of our activities. It is an important part of our campus work to take applying for student government money seriously. This is a step-by-step account of how we applied for and received \$600 from the student government at New York University.

1) Compile a complete list of all student governments and their presidents and phone numbers--undergraduate (men's college, women's college) and graduate (Law School, School of Education, etc.) and any super-government that encompasses representatives from all the others. The Dean's Office of University Coordinator for Student Affairs usually has this information.

2) Call each president or treasurer; tell them the campus YSA is applying for money (especially if the campus chapter is new or if you haven't applied for money before); find out when budgets have to be in and whether they allocate for a full year or by semester at a time; ask whether you can have a short time on their agenda to introduce the YSA and explain our request.

3) Work out a detailed budget. The more specific it is, the more authentic it looks and the more seriously it will be taken. We can always provide bills for our requests--the city YSA or SWP always charges us for paper, mimeo, and phone use. Include a short description of the campus YSA's activities. Throughout the budget emphasize the educational character of the YSA's activities --socialist speakers open to all on campus intended to stimulate education and debate; a regular educational newsletter (maybe reprints of articles from The YS Organizer, The Militant, or IP); a regular series of educational classes, etc.

4) Type it neatly and either mimeo or xerox enough for student government members and local YSA files. Next year's campus fraction will benefit from looking over this year's budget.

5) Take to the student government meeting enough copies of the budget for everyone to have one. Also take enough Introducing the YSA pamphlets, Join the YSA leaflets, recent campus YSA leaflets, and campus newspaper articles about the YSA (maybe now take copies of NY Times or local newspaper articles about the convention) for everyone. Say something short about YSA's activities on your campus--participation in mass movements, literature tables, classes, etc. Go through the budget with them and take questions.

At NYU the student governments are heavily influenced by the campus ultralefts. Some governments are heavily weighted with conservative or fraternity kids. If they ask questions about the budget, we should make it clear that their political agreement or disagreement with us shouldn't interfere with their budget money. Great numbers of students everywhere are involved in the mass movements and interested in alternatives to capitalism --and the YSA, as a campus group, is entitled to student government money for carrying out this work.

The following is a copy of the budget request of the NYU Young Socialist Alliance for November 1970-May 1971:

Speakers

We'd like to present a series of speakers, one a month from November to May, open to everyone at NYU and intended to stimulate discussion and debate on today's social movements. We also want to have two educational conferences, in November and May, open to everyone. We plan to invite the following speakers or suitable substitutes in case of schedule conflicts.

	<u>Airfare</u> (round trip economy)	<u>Honorarium</u> (standard fees at other universities)
Evelyn Reed, anthropologist and author of <u>Problems of Women's Liberation</u> and <u>Women: Class, Caste or Oppressed Sex?</u> , spoke at NYU in October, attended by 70 people	--	\$150
Froben Lozada, chairman of Chicano Studies Dept., Merritt College, Oakland, Calif., author of <u>Why A Chicano Party? Why Chicano Studies?</u>	\$308	300
George Novack, Marxist scholar, historian, former professor of history at Columbia U., author of <u>Marxist Essays in American History; Genocide Against the Indians; Origins of Materialism; Existentialism vs. Marxism; Marxist Theory of Alienation; Revolutionary Dynamics of Women's Liberation</u> ; others.	--	300
Paul Boutelle, a founder of Harlem Freedom Now Party, 1964; founder of Afro-Americans Against the War;	--	200

chairman of Committee of Black Americans for Truth about the Middle East; recently returned from fact-finding trip to Middle East; five times Socialist Workers Party candidate for public office, including Mayor of NYC and Vice President; author of Murder in Memphis and Black Uprisings.

Carl Finnamore, student antiwar activist; -- 100
elected citywide strike coordinator by 15,000 Chicago high school and college students during May 1970 strike.

Theodore Edwards, Marxist scholar and 308 200
author of Soviet Union Today and Marxism vs. Christianity, a debate with Father Blase Bonpane; spoke at Association of Asian Scholars Conference, San Francisco; commentator on his own weekly current events radio program in Los Angeles.

Leonard Boudin, attorney and currently 44 500
visiting professor of Law at Harvard U., defended the Fort Jackson Eight, Dr. Spock, Julian Bond, Ernest Mandel.

Peter Buch, lecturer and author of -- 250
Leon Trotsky on the Jewish Question and Zionism and the Arab Revolution.

Ruthann Miller, coordinator of People -- 200
Against Abortion Laws demonstration and August 26 Women Strike for Equality demonstration; SWP candidate for Comptroller of NY, Nov. 1970; author of In Defense of the Women's Movement.

Motomu Konno, National Secretary, 922 200
National Representative Conference of Antiwar Youth Committees, Tokyo, Japan (Japanese equivalent of national student antiwar organization in U.S., the SMC)

\$1582.00 \$2400.00

Paper, Printing, Poster Board, Mimeo, Etc.

3 electrostencils/week @ \$1.20 x 21 weeks	\$25.20
weekly class: 1000 leaflets/week @ \$1.88 x 21 weeks	39.48
25 posters/week @ \$2.50 x 21 weeks	52.50
forum: 1000 leaflets/week @ \$1.88 x 21 weeks	39.48
speakers: 2000 printed leaflets/mo. @ \$12 x 6 mos.	72.00
50 posters/mo @ \$5 x 6 mos.	30.00
bi-weekly newsletter (news and discussion articles on social movements in U.S. and around the world) 2000 leaflets/bi-weekly @ \$3.76 x 11 issues	41.36
educational conferences (Nov. and May) 6000 printed leaflets @ \$36 x 2 conferences	72.00
50 posters @ \$5 x 2 conferences	10.00
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Office Expenses

Phone (installation, local calls, long distance for speaker arrangements) \$25/mo. x 6 mos.	\$150.00
Miscellaneous supplies (stationery, envelopes, magic markers, tape, etc.)	100.00
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Literature

Library of pamphlets and subscriptions to radical periodicals, open to all NYU students in our office, Loeb 814	<u>\$200.00</u>
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Newspaper Publicity

Ads in Journal and Ticker for weekly Thursday night class, monthly speakers, educational conferences \$20/mo. x 6 mos.	<u>\$120.00</u>
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Debt to NYC Young Socialist Alliance

For paper, electrostencils, paper, posters, etc. used so far this year before the student governments were elected.	<u>\$40.00</u>
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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 4, 1971

No. 1

NEC Present: Cindy, Frank, Laura, Rich, Andy, Ruthann, Mirta, Carl Fi.

NEC Excused: Carl Fr., Norman, Don

NC Present: Dave

NC Alt. Present: Terry, Mike, Debbie N., Steve, Bobby, Debby W., Byron,
Ruth, Linda

Visitor: Nancy

Convened: 3:10 p.m.

Chairman: Andy

- Agenda:
1. National Office Report
 2. Antiwar Report
 3. Canadian Women's Conference Report
 4. International Guests Report
 5. Spring Fund Drive Speaking Tours Report
 6. The Young Socialist Organizer Report
 7. Campus Campaign Policy Report

1. National Office Report - Frank

a. National Office Staff

Motion: That NC member Dave F. be transferred to New York from Los Angeles, and be assigned to work in the National Office.

Motion Carried

Motion: That NC Alt. Terry H. be transferred to New York from San Diego, and be assigned to work in the National Office.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Nancy C. from Chicago be assigned to work in the National Office.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Nancy C. attend NEC meetings while she is working in the National Office.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Rich F. be assigned editor of The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Laura M. be assigned managing editor of The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Andy R. be assigned YSA Financial Director.

Motion Carried

b. YSA Representative to the Political Committee

Motion: That Frank be the YSA representative to the Political Committee of the SWP.

Motion Carried

c. Membership

Motion: That Chapel Hill be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Red Hook be dropped as a local and contituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: That Hayward be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: That El Paso be dropped as a local and constituted as an at-large area because it does not have the required number of members for local status due to transfers, etc.

Motion Carried

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership at-large:

1. Holly R. in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
2. Wayne H. in Gainesville, Fla.
3. Harris F. in Gainesville, Fla.
4. Ed N. in Knoxville, Tenn.
5. Connie Y. in New Britain, Conn.
6. Marjorie L. in New Britain, Conn.

7. Jerry L. in New Britain, Conn.
8. Stephan S. in Pittsburg, Ks.
9. Blair R. in Beloit, Wisc.
10. Glenn C. in Florence, Ala.
11. W.J. Linus K. in Murphysboro, Ill.
12. Paul F. in Champaign, Ill.
13. Mitchell R. in Ellenville, N.Y.
14. John N. in Hampden Highlands, Me.
15. Vicki H. in Crisfield, Md.
16. Ann T. in Grand Rapids, Mich.
17. Mike P. in Grand Rapids, Mich.
18. Nick R. in San Jose, Cal.
19. Ray C. in Schenectady, N.Y.
20. Donna C. in Schenectady, N.Y.
21. Barry S. in Geneseo, N.Y.
22. Pete M. in Webster, N.Y.
23. Phelan J. in Prospect, Tenn.
24. Andrew F. in Framington, Me.
25. Marguerite F. in Niagra Falls, N.Y.
26. Linda M. in Athens, Ga.
27. Robert A. in Red Hook, N.Y.
28. Nick H. in Red Hook, N.Y.
29. Elizabeth L. in Nashville, Tenn.
30. David C. in Nashville, Tenn.
31. Karen P. in Tallahassee, Fla.
32. Randy C. in Oshkosh, Wisc.
33. Tom T. in Oshkosh, Wisc.

Motion Carried

Motion: To constitute a local of the YSA in Nashville, Tenn.

Discussion: Frank, Laura, Linda, Laura

Motion Carried

Motion: To constitute a local of the YSA in Tallahassee, Fla.

Motion Carried

Motion: To constitute a local of the YSA in Oshkosh, Wisc.

Discussion: Andy

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Anne Marie C. into the YSA in San Diego.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit John V. into the YSA in Atlanta.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Bill S. into the YSA in Champaign, Ill.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit John C. into the YSA in Waco, Tx.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Tom D. into the YSA in Cambridge, Mass.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from at-large areas to locals:

1. Debbie D. from Lawrence, Ks., to Detroit
2. Lynn A. from Lawrence, Ks., to Kansas City
3. Bill P. from Schenectady, N.Y., to Albany
4. Shirl M. from Mansfield, Pa., to Washington, D.C.
5. Jim T. from Norfolk, Va., to New York

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer at-large member Jana P. from Dania, Fla., to Gulf Breeze, Fla.

Motion Carried

d. National Executive Committee

NEC member Roger R. has been asked to take an assignment in San Francisco.

Motion: To transfer NEC member Roger R. from New York to San Francisco.

Motion Carried

NEC member Don G. has been asked to take an assignment in Washington, D.C.

Motion: To transfer NEC member Don G. from New York to Washington, D.C.

Motion Carried

e. National Committee

Motion: To transfer NC member John H. from Detroit to Cleveland.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC member John S. from Chicago to Washington, D.C.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. member Carole S. from Los Angeles to San Francisco.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. member Steve B. from New York to Chicago.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. member Hilda R. from Detroit to Berkeley.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. Andrew P. from Berkeley to Chicago.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. Debbie N. from Chicago to New York.

Motion Carried

2. Antiwar Report - Dave

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Dave, Carl Fi., Byron, Debbie N., Ruth, Dave, Mike, Dave, Ruth, Dave

Motion Carried

3. Canadian Women's Conference Report - Cindy

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Steve, Cindy

Motion Carried

4. International Guests Report - Cindy

Report on tours and meetings which comrades from New Zealand and India had following the YSA convention.

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

5. Spring Fund Drive Speaking Tours Report - Laura

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Debbie N., Linda, Laura, Andy

Motion Carried

6. The Young Socialist Organizer Report - Rich

Report on contents and publication schedule of the next issue of The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Rich, Frank, Linda, Byron, Rich, Linda

Motion Carried

7. Campus Campaign Policy Report - Frank

Motion: That the NEC drop its policy requiring NEC approval of YSA campus election campaigns.

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 5:00 p.m.

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, New York 10003

February 12, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

At the 1969 YSA National Convention, we adopted a policy stating that the projections for all YSA campus election campaigns had to be approved by the National Executive Committee. However, we have found that this policy is unnecessary, and that it can even hinder our ability to wage YSA election campaigns.

Because campus election campaigns are quite frequent and, as a rule, last for a very short period of time, the NEC often received local or at-large campaign projections only a week or two before the campaigns were to begin. As a result, in most cases the NEC was only able to approve the campaigns a few days before they actually began. This in turn caused unnecessary delays in local campaign preparations and confusion as to whether or not the campaigns should proceed prior to NEC approval. Because of this, valuable time was often lost in terms of preparing and distributing campaign literature, and proceeding with other publicity.

In addition, since running campus election campaigns has become a major activity of the YSA, a wealth of material concerning our strategy in such campaigns is now available. Articles reprinting campus campaign leaflets and brochures, drawing the lessons from various high school and college campaigns, and explaining how these campaigns were waged are available in several issues of The Young Socialist Organizer (see "Index for 1970," in the January 22, 1971 issue). The "YSA Program for the Student Revolt" should also be used as a basic guide in formulating our election propaganda.

For these reasons, the February 4 National Executive Committee meeting voted to drop the present policy requiring NEC approval of all YSA election campaigns.

Locals and at-large members planning campus election campaigns should continue to send reports to the National Office outlining the platform, proposed propaganda material, etc., well in advance of the campaign. A round-up article following the campaign is also helpful.

Comradely,

Frank Boehm

Frank Boehm
National Chairman

P.O. Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, New York 10003

February 12, 1971

TO ALL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS, AND AT-LARGE MEMBERS

Dear Comrades,

Because of the Nixon administration's intensified campaign against the student movement during the fall, the YSA convention launched a major campaign to defend the political rights of the student movement. At Columbia University, the YSA is currently helping to organize a legal and political challenge to the Internal Revenue Service guidelines which were adopted by Columbia University early in the fall. In Florida, the YSA recently helped launch the Committee for Free Assembly and Political Expression on Campus which is mobilizing support for the right of the YSA to be a recognized student organization on state university campuses in Florida. In other areas of the country, the YSA is playing a leading role in challenging restrictions which attempt to limit the rights of students to sell radical literature, hear controversial speakers, use university facilities, or hold demonstrations on campus.

The YSA convention pointed to the importance of all YSA locals taking the initiative in challenging existing restrictions on the rights of students. In addition, it is important to deepen our work in major political defense cases that have resulted from the attacks on the student, antiwar, and Third World liberation movements by the ruling class.

In our defense work, it is crucial that the National Office be fully informed of all developments in local areas across the country. The National Office should also be consulted before a major campaign involving legal action is undertaken.

In order to help coordinate this work on a national level, it is very important that all local organizers and at-large members, as soon as possible, send reports to the National Office covering the following key areas of our defense work:

1) Attacks on the student movement -- copies of various regulations, reports on incidents that have already occurred, newspaper clippings, and information on any local YSA projections for challenging existing guidelines or restrictions on student rights.

2) National defense cases -- information, clippings, and materials on defense committees, and the YSA's local perspectives for carrying out actions in defense of the Kent 25, the Berrigan "Conspiracy" defendants, Angela Davis, and Juan Farinas.

3) Local defense cases -- information on local defense cases and the YSA's perspectives for activity in support of these cases.

4) Attacks on the YSA -- detailed information on any attempts which are made to victimize or harrass YSA members or the YSA as an organization.

Comradely,

Rich Finkel

Rich Finkel
National Office

Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, New York 10003

February 9, 1971

TO ALL YSA ORGANIZERS, REGIONAL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

The YSA Convention voted to engage in the largest fund drive in YSA history this spring. To raise the entire amount -- \$43,000 -- it will be necessary for comrades around the country to do outside fund-raising. As was projected in the Financial Report to the Convention, a significant amount of outside funds can be raised in the field of college and university honoraria.

In line with this projection, the YSA National Office is initiating a set of national tours this spring for the purpose of obtaining outside honoraria. The speakers, one of whom will tour each region for a period of two weeks in the spring, are YSA members who are leaders of the mass movements or leading campus activists, and who are interesting and lively speakers. Since the ranks of the YSA are replete with good speakers on a wide variety of topics, the comrades who will be making these tours are from nearly every region in the country; a total of fifteen speakers -- one for every region -- will be participating.

As you can see from the enclosed tour schedules, most of the tours will take place around the end of March, giving local areas a maximum amount of time to apply for and obtain honoraria for speaking engagements at as many schools as possible. All money raised through the tour in a particular region will be credited toward that region's spring fund drive quota; money raised through a local will be credited toward that local's spring fund drive quota, whereas money raised in an area where a local doesn't exist will be deducted proportionately from the quotas of every local in the region.

Each region will be responsible for the travel and living expenses of the speaker in the two week period in which she or he tours. In order to maximize the financial opportunities of the tours, expenses should be kept to a minimum. Try to arrange for the speakers bureaus of the various schools to pay travel and publicity costs outside of the actual speaker's fee; in many areas this is a common practice.

Aside from the enormous fund-raising possibilities of these tours (only paying speaking engagements should be set up), ample opportunity exists for the dissemination of our ideas to a broad audience through the speaking dates themselves, the sale of literature, etc. In most cases, these tours can be coordinated with our regional work, and can serve as trail-blazes to regional spots where we do not as yet have locals or at-largers. If organized and executed properly, these tours

can provide our movement with tremendous opportunities for expansion and recruitment. It is, of course, this aspect of the tours which will be stressed in our press.

Enclosed is a selection of sample materials designed to facilitate regional organization of the tours. Regional centers should immediately make final arrangements with the speaker and begin applying for honoraria at every possible school in the region.

All funds raised, minus expenses, should be sent to the YSA National Office.

Comradely,



Laura Miller
YSA National Office

SPRING HONORARIA TOUR SCHEDULE

<u>REGION</u>	<u>SPEAKER</u>	<u>DATES</u>
No. California	Ruth Getts	4/25-5/8
So. California	Fernando Guerrero	" "
Southwest	Woody Diaz	3/18-3/31
South	Jon Rothschild	" "
Midwest	Marsha Coleman	" "
Ohio/Kentucky	Paula Reimers	4/25-5/8
Maryland/Virginia	from Washington D.C.*	*
New York/New Jersey	Jeanne Lafferty	4/25-5/8
New England	Myrna Hill	3/25-4/7
Pennsylvania	Ruthann Miller	" "
Upper Midwest	Randy Furst	3/18-3/31
Michigan	Kim Allen	" "
Wisconsin	Janet Cantrick	4/25-5/8
Colorado/Utah	Mary Murati	3/18-3/31
Northwest	*	*

* Undetermined as yet

ORGANIZING THE YSA SPRING HONORARIA TOURS

Below is a list of suggestions to help regional centers organize the spring honoraria tours:

1. Contact the speaker for the region to make final arrangements for transportation, expenses, schedules, etc. Information for a detailed biography of the speaker should be obtained. All communication of this nature will be handled by regional centers and not by the National Office.
2. Compile a list of university speakers bureaus, student governments and other groups in the region which may sponsor speakers and be possible sources for honoraria, etc. Send out an informational mailing to each on the tour. (See enclosed samples.) Possibilities for special mailings (i.e., to specific university departments -- history, anthropology, etc.) should be looked into.
3. All YSA locals and at-largers in each region should be collaborating on the tour. Regional centers should see to it that tour organizing is being carried out throughout the region. Special regional meetings on the tour might be necessary.
4. Regional assignments should be made for tour publicity, tour arrangements, tour finances, etc. In some cases, it may be necessary for a comrade to be assigned from the region to tour with the speaker in areas where there are no YSAers.
5. Appropriate tour materials, such as letterhead stationary, leaflets, biographies, etc., should be made up. Copies of these materials should be sent to the YSA National Office.
6. Arrange special meetings for the speaker with sympathetic individuals in the region who might, with some encouragement, be willing to contribute to the financing of the tour.

Box 471 Cooper Station
New York, New York 10003

February 6, 1971

TO ALL YSA ORGANIZERS, REGIONAL ORGANIZERS, NC MEMBERS AND AT-LARGERS

Dear Comrades,

Attached are some initial materials being used by the Los Angeles YSA local in setting up a socialist speakers bureau, "Activists and Issues Forum", in Southern California. Other areas may wish to begin setting up similar bureaus or incorporate some of these ideas in the execution of the spring honoraria tour in their region.

Comradely,



Laura Miller
YSA National Office

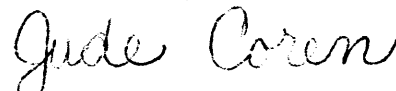
Activists and Issues Forum
Speakers Bureau of So. California
1702 East 4th Street
Los Angeles, California 90033
(213) 269-4953

Dear Friend,

We would like to bring to your attention that there exists in the Greater Los Angeles Area a speakers bureau which is willing to provide informed lecturers and debaters on a wide range of issues of current interest. The Activists and Issues Forum is designed to furnish speakers to fill the necessary gaps in any educational curriculum.

Enclosed is a list of speakers whose tours we will be handling in the spring, along with relevant background information on each.* Speakers on topics other than those listed are available on request. As we begin arranging other tours, we will notify you.

Sincerely,



Jude Coren
Activists and Issues Forum

* Suggested fees are listed on the enclosed sheets, however, special rates can be arranged for a combination of speakers.

Theodore Edwards is prepared to speak on several subjects, including Marxism and Christianity. Other talks are "USSR and USA: Are They Developing Toward a Similar Economy?"; "Lenin, Trotsky, and Luxemburg ;" and "Marxism and Terrorism: What Was Lenin's Theory of Revolution?". He is, of course, open to any questions following his delivery. His fee is set at \$250.00.

JOE MILES

Joe Miles is a 21 year old anti-war activist and a founding member of the Fort Jackson and Fort Bragg's GIs United Against the War in Vietnam. He has been active in both the anti-war and Black Liberation struggles since 1967 when he was a student at the American University in Washington D.C. Miles helped organize a Black Student Union at American University and later participated in establishing a Washington chapter of the Black Anti-Draft Union. He served as chairman of this organization during the time of the student occupation of Howard University in 1968.

Drafted in 1968, Joe Miles continued his anti-war activity in the Army. He helped organize GIs United Against the War in Vietnam at Fort Jackson, S.C. in the winter of 1969 and --after he was transferred to Fort Bragg, N.C. on three hours notice-- organized a second chapter of the GIs United in the MP unit in which he was stationed. Joe's attempt to fight his punitive transfer to Alaska in June, 1969 received national publicity. He has just returned from his exile in the "American Siberia" with an honorable discharge from the Army.

Mr. Miles will be in Los Angeles from April 12-19, 1971, as part of a national speaking tour. He will be presenting an analysis, based on experience, of the current GI, especially the Black GI, movement in the U.S. Armed Forces. His fee is set at \$200.00

BARBARA PETERSON

A feminist and founding member of Sisters United at California State College at Los Angeles, Barbara Peterson is presently working on the establishment of a women's study program on the campus.

Peterson is an anti-war activist and was one of the leading organizers of the student strike that grew out of the U.S. invasion of Cambodia and the killings of the students at Kent, Jackson and Augusta last spring.

Now working on the coordination of the proposed actions throughout Los Angeles on March 8th (International Women's Day), Barbara Peterson speaks on: "International Women's Day and Women in History"; "The Relevancy of the Family"; "The Goals and Demands of the Women's Liberation Movement"; and "The Truth About Feminism". Her fee is set at \$150.00

JAMES LITTLE

James Little has been a student radical for a long time. His experience in the student movement dates back to the early civil rights movement and the formation of a national anti-war movement in 1964. Mr. Little has been one of the main builders of the Student Mobilization Committee in Los Angeles, and has participated in every national conference of the anti-war movement in recent years.

Presently, Little is a representative on the Board of Directors at California State College at Los Angeles. He was elected to that office as a socialist. His first official action was as a leader of the student strike in May, following the U.S. invasion of Cambodia. James Little speaks on: "How to Make a Revolution in the U.S.," "What Strategy for the U.S. Anti-War Movement," and "The World-Wide Youth Radicalization." His fee is set at \$150.00.

LINDA JENNESS*

Linda Jenness, a graduate of Antioch College, has studied in Mexico, France and Spain. In 1967, she served as secretary to the Washington Mobilization Committee, which hosted the October 21st March on the Pentagon. In 1968, Linda Jenness was the Young Socialist Alliance's representative to the 100th anniversary activities of the Puerto Rican Independence Movement in Puerto Rico.

During 1969, Jenness spent five weeks in Cuba attending the 10th anniversary celebration of the Cuban Revolution. She has since spoken on many campuses throughout the South in defense of the Cuban Revolution.

Linda Jenness is a women's liberation activist and she ran for governor of Georgia as a feminist and a socialist. She is currently writing for the International Socialist Review. Jenness speaks on: "1970's: New Crisis for American Imperialism and the Struggle for Socialism," "Women's Liberation and the Struggle for Socialism in the 1970s," and "Why Feminism is Revolutionary." Her fee is set at \$200.00.

* Linda Jenness is available to speak from March 21 through March 23, 1971.

THEODORE EDWARDS

A Los Angeles tour is being arranged for a local Marxist theoretician and scholar, Theodore Edwards, for the spring,

Theodore Edwards is a longtime commentator on KPFK radio station, and is the Educational Director for the Southern California Socialist Workers Party. The translator from German into English of Rosa Luxemburg's That is Economics?, Mr. Edwards is also an author in his own right of The Soviet Union Today. A previous debate between Mr. Edwards and Blase Bonpane, former Democratic candidate for Congress, has recently been printed in paperback, entitled "Marxism and Christianity: Are They Compatible?"

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BAXTER SMITH

Baxter Smith is a Black Liberation activist and was an eyewitness to the events in Cairo, Illinois last year. He participated in the National Survival Conference which grew out of the attacks on the Cairo Black Community. His background includes having been coordinator of the Student Mobilization Committee Third World Task Force in Southern California and a participant in the Black Student Union Conference at Stanford last year.

Baxter Smith is a revolutionary socialist. His Marxist outlook and his rich practical experience in the Black Liberation movement give his talks a unique and far-reaching character. He has made extensive speaking tours of California and is available now to speak on the following subjects: "On the Need for a Black Political Party"; "Black Nationalism and Socialism"; and "A Socialist View of the Mid-East Crisis". His fee is set at \$150.00.

A FUND-RAISING IDEA

Note: The text below is taken from a leaflet prepared by the San Francisco YSA and mailed to speakers bureaus and other campus organizations which bring speakers to their schools; it was reprinted in the 12/9/70 issue of The Young Socialist Organizer. The leaflet was professionally printed in a very modest 9 point type with a photograph of Peter Camejo confronting Edward Kennedy.

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WHO IS PETER CAMEJO?

"Peter Camejo has been involved in every large scale demonstration for the last four years. He is 29 years old. He is the leader of the Socialist Workers Party."

Gov. Ronald Reagan

"Unquestionably, Camejo is the most interesting of the activists. His election -- by the highest margin of any candidate -- to the student senate had to be celebrated in jail."

San Francisco Chronicle

"Peter Camejo, Trotskyite activist who is no stranger to Berkeley, made his position crystal clear before the City Council. He would have his illegal rally anyway and he inferred the responsibility for a riot would rest on the police."

Editorial
Berkeley Gazette

"A worthy opponent."

Senator Edward Kennedy

We want to offer you... an unequalled opportunity to have the most dynamic revolutionary socialist speaker in the United States speak on your campus. Hear Peter Camejo speak on... the current radical upsurge in this country among students, women, GIs, Third World nationalities and the labor movement and their implications for the coming American Socialist Revolution.

Peter Camejo is widely known for his radical activity in the Berkeley student movement. In 1968 he was one of the "Berkeley Three" frame-up conspiracy case and was acquitted.

Camejo has travelled to Cuba and South America several times, speaking to the revolutionary fighters in those countries. He recently returned from Peru, where he spoke with Hugo Blanco, the world famous revolutionary leader there.

Recently Camejo was the SWP candidate for U.S. Senate against Sen. Kennedy in Massachusetts. Camejo successfully confronted Kennedy many times on the questions of war, racism and sexism.

Camejo is the author of the pamphlets How to Make a Revolution in the U.S. (now a minor classic) and Liberalism, Ultraleftism or Mass Action. He also wrote the introduction to the latest edition of Leon Trotsky's Permanent Revolution.

PETER CAMEJO IS AVAILABLE TO SPEAK:

November ___ to ___ .

His fee is \$500.00.

Organized by: Socialist Speakers Forum
2338 Market Street
San Francisco, California 94114

For further information contact: Sharon Cabaniss
SSF Program Director
(415) 626-9958

Young Socialist Alliance

BOX 471 COOPER STATION NEW YORK, N. Y., 10003 YU9-7570

February 12, 1971

Mr. Alfred Jones, Chairman
Speakers Bureau
Callytuck University
Callytuck, Massachusetts 03669

Dear Mr. Jones:

We would like to bring to your attention the fact that Mary Smith will be in the New England region and available for speaking engagements from March 18-31, 1971. Smith, a graduate of the University of Illinois, is a prominent feminist in the Chicago area and is presently serving as the citywide coordinator for the Women's Liberation Coalition there. A longtime anti-war activist, she was one of the leading organizers of the student strike at the University of Illinois which followed the invasion of Cambodia and the killings of the students at Kent, Jackson and Augusta last May. As the Socialist Workers Party candidate for State Treasurer in the 1970 elections, Mary Smith had the opportunity to make speaking tours of all the major campuses in the Midwest and received extensive publicity on her campaign and ideas.

We think Ms. Smith would be a valuable addition to any schedule of outside speakers and her talks could serve to fill the gaps necessarily present in any educational curriculum. The topics of her prepared talks include: "Women's Liberation and the Struggle for Socialism in the 1970s"; "The Relevancy of the Family"; and "The Crisis of American Imperialism and the Prospects for a Revolution." Her speaking fee is set at \$150.00.

Because of the limited time of Ms. Smith's stay in the New England area, we would appreciate hearing from you as soon as possible if you decide to schedule a speaking engagement for her.

Sincerely,



Marcel Black
Young Socialist Alliance
Speakers Forum

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES
February 25, 1971 No. 2

NEC Present: Cindy, Frank, Laura, Rich, Andy, Mirta, Carl Fi., Norman

NEC Excused: Carl Fr., Ruthann, Don

NC Present: Dave

NC Alt. Present: Terry, Mike, Debbie N., Steve, Debby W., Ruth, Linda

Visitors: Peter, Nancy

Convened: 3:15 p.m.

Chairwoman: Mirta

Agenda: 1. Davis and Farinas Defense Report
2. National Office Report
3. The Young Socialist Organizer Report
4. Financial Tour Report
5. Spring Fund Drive Report
6. Antiwar Report
7. April 24 Women's Contingent Report
8. Sub Drive Report

1. Davis and Farinas Defense Report - Rich

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Mike, Rich, Mike, Dave, Ruth, Rich, Laura

Motion Carried

2. National Office Report - Nancy

a. National Committee

Motion: To transfer NC member Herman F. from San Francisco to Washington, D.C.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer NC Alt. Mimi H. from Minneapolis to New York.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the graduation of NC member Ilona S. and to notify NC Alt. Mike A. that as number one alternate he is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

Motion: To approve the graduation of NC member Bruce M. and to notify NC Alt. Steve C. that as number one alternate he is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

b. National Executive Committee

Motion: To approve the graduation of NEC member Carl Fr. and to notify NC Alt. Carole S. that as number one alternate she is automatically elevated to full membership on the National Committee.

Motion Carried

c. Membership

Motion: To transfer at-large member Connie Y. from New Britain, Conn., to Boston.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from locals to at-large status:

1. Ann M. from Seattle to Ellensburg, Wash.
2. Randy C. from Oshkosh to Racine, Wisc.
3. Robert L. from Seattle to Pullman, Wash.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Randy F. into the YSA in Minneapolis.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Sherry B. into the YSA in DeKalb.

Discussion: Ruth, Laura

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Carl A. into the YSA in DeKalb.

Discussion: Ruth, Laura

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Marilyn L. into the YSA in South Boston.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Brian S. into the YSA in New York.

Motion Carried

Motion: To readmit Rick N. into the YSA as an at-large member in Winter Park, Fla.

Motion Carried

Motion: To accept the following applications for membership at-large:

1. Bill S. in Akron, Oh.
2. Kathee A. in New Britain, Conn.
3. Glenn P. in Metairie, La.
4. Sher G. in Galveston, Tx.
5. Arturo R. in San Antonio, Tx.
6. Dorinda S. in San Antonio, Tx.
7. Ben E. in San Antonio, Tx.
8. Jimmy A. in San Antonio, Tx.
9. Joyce M. in Arlington, Tx.

Discussion: Andy, Frank

Motion Carried

Motion: To constitute a local of the YSA in San Antonio.

Motion Carried

Motion: To grant at-large member Casey R. in Mt. Pleasant, Mich., a one-month leave of absence.

Motion Carried

Motion: To grant at-large member Bill H. in Pacific Grove, Ca., a four-month leave of absence.

Motion Carried

3. The Young Socialist Organizer Report - Laura

Report on contents and publication schedule of the next issue of The Young Socialist Organizer.

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

4. Financial Tour Report - Andy

Report on recently completed national financial tour.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Peter, Andy, Frank, Mike

Motion Carried

5. Spring Fund Drive Report - Andy

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Debby N., Ruth, Andy, Laura

Motion Carried

6. Antiwar Report - Dave

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Dave, Terry, Ruth, Dave, Mike, Carl Fi.,
Terry, Norman

Motion Carried

7. April 24 Women's Contingent Report - Terry

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Debby W., Cindy

Motion Carried

8. Sub Drive Report - Laura

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Laura, Linda, Mike, Linda, Laura

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 5:40 p.m.

NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 3, 1971

No. 3

NEC Present: Frank, Cindy, Laura, Rich, Andy, Mirta, Carl Fi., Norman

NEC Excused: Ruthann, Don

NC Present: Dave, Steve, Mike

NC Alt. Present: Mimi, Terry Ha., Linda, Byron, Debbie N., Debby W.

Visitor: Nancy

Convened: 3:15 p.m.

Chairperson: Laura

- Agenda:
1. National Office Report
 2. Plenum Arrangements Report
 3. The Young Socialist Organizer Report
 4. Publications Report
 5. Women's Liberation Report
 6. Antiwar Report
 7. Spring Fund Drive Report
 8. Sub Drive Report

1. National Office Report - Nancy

a. Membership

Motion: To approve the following applications for membership at-large:

1. Mark V. in Dover, N.H.
2. Roland R. in Durham, N.H.
3. Jacqueline P. in Reading, Pa.
4. William N. in Beloit, Wis.
5. Patti S. in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Motion Carried

Motion: To transfer the following comrades from at-large areas to locals:

1. Holly R. from Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., to Washington, D.C.
2. Gary S. from Hayward, Cal., to Berkeley, Cal.
3. Claire F. from Hayward, Cal., to Berkeley, Cal.
4. Karen M. from Hayward, Cal., to Berkeley, Cal.

Discussion: Linda, Laura

Motion Carried

b. Youth Report to SWP Plenum

Motion: That Frank present the Youth Report to the SWP Plenum.

Motion Carried

2. Plenum Arrangements Report - Andy

Report on arrangements for hosting the SWP Plenum.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Byron, Dave, Frank

Motion Carried

3. The Young Socialist Organizer Report - Rich

Report on the contents and publication schedule of the next issue of The YS Organizer.

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

4. Publications Report - Andy

Report on contents and publication schedule of new editions of Introduction to the Young Socialist Alliance and Organizing the YSA.

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Steve, Andy

Motion Carried

5. Women's Liberation Report - Cindy

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

6. Antiwar Report - Dave

Motion: To approve the report.

Discussion: Linda, Dave, Byron, Mike, Carl Fi., Dave, Laura, Steve, Rich, Byron, Dave, Frank, Laura, Dave

Motion Carried

7. Spring Fund Drive Report - Andy

Scoreboard enclosed.

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

8. Sub Drive Report - Laura

Motion: To approve the report.

Motion Carried

Adjourned: 4:20 p.m.